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To: Athlete Assistance Candidates
From: Scott MacKenzie, Director - Programming & Member Services
Date: December 6th, 2017
Re: **2018 B.C. ATHLETE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

Please find enclosed an application package for the 2018 B.C. Athlete Assistance Program.

All relevant information should be included in this package concerning the athlete's responsibilities and the various timelines associated with this program.

Of particular note is that assistance is only offered to those athletes that are attending British Columbia **post-secondary** educational institutions.

Please review the information and submit your application forms **by 11:59pm March 11th, 2018** to consider yourself a candidate.

More information about funding in BC can be found here:
<http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/sports-culture/sports/sport-funding>

Best wishes in your athletic and academic endeavors.

C.c. *Selection Committee*



ATHLETE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (AAP) Guidelines for Selection of Athlete Recipients

1.0 General

The **BC Athlete Assistance Program** (BC AAP) is an athlete-centered program of financial assistance funded by the Province of British Columbia and administered by the Sport Branch of the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development. The Program seeks to recognize and support BC high performance athletes striving to represent the Province and Canada in athletic competition. Athletes who have demonstrated the potential and commitment to attain this level of excellence can qualify for different levels of financial support based on relative levels of development and competition achieved within the overall limits of funds available.

The program seeks to relieve some of the pressures associated with training and competition needs when participating in provincial, national, and international sport. The focus of BC AAP funding is for those athletes who are in the position to compete for Team BC at the Canada Games and are just below those receiving Sport Canada funding, however athletes in receipt of Sport Canada funding may be eligible for BC AAP funding. This financial assistance will ensure a continuum of support for the development of national and international class BC athletes.

In other words, the Baseball BC Athlete Assistance Program awards allocated funds to help defray training costs to worthy participants who meet the selection criteria provided in the text below.

Program Objectives

- To focus support to Baseball athletes in the “training to compete” and “training to win” stages of Canadian Sport for Life – Long Term Athlete development Model
- To contribute to improved performances of Team BC Baseball athletes at the Canada Games
- To increase the number of Baseball BC athletes reaching federal carding status thus expanding BC representation on national teams and at eligible major international multi-sport Games
- To assist Baseball BC athletes reach their athletic potential

2.0 Administration of the Athlete Assistance Program (AAP)

The Selection Committee: The Baseball BC AAP Selection Committee is responsible for the identification, nomination, and ranking of athletes for funding assistance through the BC Athlete Assistance Program. The Selection Committee will be composed of individuals from the broader based membership of BC Baseball.

Applications: All applicants must meet the Baseball BC selection criteria as identified in Section 5.0

Note: The application by an athlete does not guarantee that the athlete will receive BC AAP funding.

Equitable: Athletes at differing levels of excellence will receive commensurate levels of financial support, based on the selection criteria and rankings established by Baseball BC (see Section 5.0). This process will give consideration to any educational or working environment of the athlete, the required time and financial commitment of the athlete to excel in the sport of Baseball, and the overall limits of funds available.

3.0 Eligibility Requirements for the Athlete Assistance Program

Training and Competition: This program is aligned with the Canadian Sport for life – Long Term Athlete Development (LTAD) Model, therefore to be eligible the athletes must be involved in programs & competitions that are within the LTAD stages or “Train to Train and/or Train to Compete” as defined by Baseball Canada. Athletes who meet the eligible stages of the LTAD model are expected to be involved in a year round training plan and regularly working with a high level NCCP coach.

Citizenship and Residency: To be eligible for an award, an athlete must be a Canadian citizen or be of landed immigrant status, and a resident of British Columbia for at least one year prior to his/her date of nomination.

Use of Banned Substances and Methods: BC’s Policy on Sport and Physical Activity clearly outlines the “ethical pursuit of excellence” – which includes competing without the use of banned substances – as one of its pillars of support to sport. The Province of British Columbia and Baseball BC strongly opposes the use of prohibited substances and methods as they are contrary to the ethics of sport and may be harmful to the health of athletes. Suspended athletes will be declared permanently ineligible for BC Athlete Assistance Funding.

Coaching: To be eligible for funding assistance, athletes must be regularly coached by individuals who meet the established coaching qualification criteria such as the National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP) standards (see Section 5).

Commitment to Baseball BC: Any athlete receiving financial assistance from the Province of British Columbia must be available for provincial team selections, unless made unavailable due to national program commitments, and if selected, commit to train and represent British Columbia and the sport of Baseball in the applicable competition.

PSO Membership: Athletes receiving financial assistance must be registered members of Baseball BC at the time the assistance is awarded. They are also expected to make themselves available to contribute to athlete development and coaching development programs delivered by baseball in BC.

Federally Carded Athletes: Athletes in receipt of Sport Canada funding (S1/S2) in a particular fiscal year are eligible for BC AAP funding distributed by Baseball BC. Although, Baseball BC may not allocate more than 25% of the total BC AAP funding to S1/S2 Sport Canada funded athletes

Gender Equity Funding Allocation: Baseball BC must allocate funding equitably between male and female athletes unless receiving gender designated funding.

Athlete Selection: Athlete selection will be made according to the criteria set out in Section 5 of this document, with preference given to developing high performance athletes.

Selection Criteria: The Baseball BC AAP Selection Committee is responsible for developing and publishing the selection criteria and standards that will be utilized in the identification, ranking and selection of athletes. It is the responsibility of the Selection Committee to ensure fair, equitable and consistent application of the standards.

Funding Level: Consideration by the Selection Committee will be given to the required time and financial commitment required to excel in the sport, and the educational or working environment of the athlete. A minimum of \$500 and up to a maximum of \$3500 can be awarded.

Use of Funds: Athletes receiving funding through BC AAP can spend the funding obtained for the following purposes:

- Normal living costs
- Costs directly associated with training
- Costs associated with attending training camps and competitions (entry fees, travel, etc...)
- Sport specific equipment

Allocation Procedure: Baseball BC is responsible for sending awarded athletes their individual cheques along with a letter which will recognize the contribution of the Province of British Columbia.

4.0 Appeal Process

Appeals: Any appeals to the APP Selection Committee must be made in writing and submitted to the Selection Committee at B.C. Amateur Baseball Association office (#310 – 15225 104th Ave. Surrey, B.C., V3R 6Y8) within 14 days of the Athlete Assistance Program roster release for any given year. **Appeals which are faxed or emailed will not be accepted.**

Appeals Committee: The Appeals Committee will be formed of three people, all members of Baseball BC, with preferably one member of the Executive. In order to avoid the potential for conflict of interest, (e.g. the athlete or parent of a nominated athlete being on the appeals committee), the membership of the Committee will be selected by the Board.

Obligations of Baseball B.C.:

- a. Publish the BC AAP ranking and selection criteria, procedures, and the selected BC AAP calendar outline to athletes and coaches before the beginning of the nomination process.
- b. Publish the Appeal Process to athletes and coaches before the beginning of the nomination process.
- c. Inform their athletes and coaches as to their list of nominated athletes.

After the final nomination lists have been approved, Baseball B.C. will publish a list of their funded athletes on the Baseball B.C. website, with acknowledgment of the Ministry's contribution for the support of the athletes.

5.0 Baseball BC AAP Selection Criteria

Tangible criteria required for selection are as follows:

1. Athlete must have participated with or have graduated from Baseball BC's High Performance program
2. Athlete must be attending a Post-Secondary Institution in B.C., both currently (spring) & for a full semester before (winter) applying.
3. Athlete must be rostered with the recognized Baseball program above.
4. Athlete must achieve & maintain a minimal Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.50 or 62.5%
 - a. Copy of Transcript must be supplied with application
5. Athlete must commit to representing Baseball B.C. & Baseball Canada when requested
6. Athlete must be a Member in good standing with Baseball BC at time of application

The following are the criteria which will be used by the Selection Committee as guidelines for Baseball athletes seeking to qualify for the BC Athlete Assistance Program.

1. Meet all eligibility requirements.
2. Demonstrate a continued commitment to Baseball training using LTAD ideals.
3. Coached or instructed by an individual or staff who meet the NCCP requirements for Baseball
4. Demonstrate excellence in performance &/or potential for improvement in the sport of Baseball
5. Demonstrate dedication to Baseball other than training
6. Contribute to the development of Baseball
7. Overall attitude, commitment, & desire to excel in Baseball
8. Personal deportment & citizenship

**B.C. ATHLETIC AWARDS
APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

1. ATHLETE FULL NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
CITY: _____
POSTAL CODE: _____
E-MAIL: _____
PHONE NUMBERS: (1) _____ (2) _____
Please include area code if long distance from Vancouver.
2. COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY: _____
3. ACADEMIC YEAR: _____
4. ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT: _____
CONTACT PERSON: _____
PHONE NUMBER: _____
5. TOTAL COSTS PER TERM/YEAR: _____
6. ASSISTANCE:
- (A) Scholarships/Bursaries: _____
- (B) Athlete Assistance: _____
- (C) Other: _____
- (D) Personal: _____
7. REFERENCES:
NAME: _____
PHONE NUMBERS: (B) _____ (R) _____

SEND VIA MAIL W/ SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION TO:

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BASEBALL B.C.
ATHLETIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
A G R E E M E N T

I, _____, agree to the following terms and conditions as they relate to the Athletic Assistance Program for British Columbia athletes.

A. All athletes will provide the following:

- (1) Proof of academic registration outlining courses enrolled in.
- (2) Transcript copy showing academic standing for each term/year.
NOTE: ALL ATHLETES MUST MAINTAIN ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY.
- (3) LTAD Training & Competition schedule.
- (4) Documentation outlining all sources of financial assistance (enclosed).

These documents are to be returned to BASEBALL B.C.

- (5) All athletes will be available for all Baseball B.C. programs and subsequent National/International competitive opportunities when selected.

B. Failure to comply with these regulations will result in the cancellation of financial assistance and/or the return of any monies forwarded by Baseball B.C.

C. I have read the details concerning the Athlete Assistance Program and I agree to all conditions outlined within, in addition to the above.

ATHLETE: _____

SIGNED: _____

DATE: _____



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